

During FY 04/05 the Department of Public Works is dedicated to our mission of serving the community to improve the quality of life. As a 24/7 service provider and emergency responder, the Department impacts Seminole County citizens on a daily basis, keeping transportation and stormwater systems safe and operating efficiently.

The Road Operations and Stormwater Division will be in the concluding phases of the Alternative Surface Program for previously designated unpaved roads during FY 04/05. A proposed new program to address approximately 10 miles of emergency maintenance unpaved roads which remain in the County system will also be initiated. The Division currently manages the Design/ROW/Construction of 9 State-funded surface water improvement projects, and will launch an additional 18 minor drainage improvements. The Division is responsible for sidewalk repair, roadside mowing and landscape maintenance initiatives, and numerous road and drainage system activities. Maintenance of existing roads will continue to be a focal point for the Division, including \$5.4 million dollars for asphalt pavement preservation and rehabilitation in FY 04/05. In 2001, Stormwater began a 5-year process with FDEP and other stakeholders to develop Total Maximum Daily Load limits for impaired waters in Seminole County. The verified list of impaired waters has been identified, and the allocation of load limits among the local stakeholders is a major undertaking which must be initiated during FY 04/05.

In the **Engineering Division**, current road projects under construction include Ronald Reagan Boulevard (County Road 427), County Road 46A, Dodd Road and Lake Mary Boulevard. Future construction plans have been identified, including a portion of County Road 46A, Lake Drive and Wymore Road.

The Special Projects Section (Trails Program) has initiated design of a segment of the Cross Seminole Trail Connector (2.5 miles), construction of the Seminole Wekiva Trail Markham Trailhead, and the Seminole Wekiva Trail SR-434 Underpass (Altamonte Springs) project. The Sidewalk Program, funded by the

2001 Sales Tax, will be wrapping up its first two-year program to construct approximately 50 miles of sidewalk along the collector arterial roadways and approximately 40 miles of sidewalk along local roadways.

The **Traffic Engineering Division** has been successful in ongoing efforts to implement the County Advanced Traffic Management System which will continue during FY04/05. For example, variable message signs will be deployed along major roadways through a collaborative effort with neighboring agencies in order to provide the citizens of Central Florida with real time traffic information during their travels. Traffic calming remains a priority for the Division, and efforts are underway to create and maintain a consistent strategy for addressing this issue.

Public Works Administration is coordinating a variety of improvements to communication among our employees, business partners, and customers. Using a number of recent and in-progress tools, ranging from the Department's Work Management System to the County's Internet, we are committed to taking our accountability and service response practices to the next level of quality. Serving as the executive arm of the Seminole County Expressway Authority, this office will additionally be involved in facilitating the County's interests in the proposed Wekiva Parkway as the State's legislated implementation activities unfold.

Looking ahead, Public Works will allocate resources creatively to combine fiscal responsibility with response to the needs of the community. Balancing the continuity of current operational programs with the growing need for capital investment in an aging infrastructure will continue to be our greatest challenge. Most importantly, we will reinforce our commitment to maximizing service delivery which is critical to serving the community and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Seminole County.

